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THE GUATEMALAN ECONOMIC DELEGATION

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REVIEWED THE COUNTRY'S 1991 ECONOMIC PERFORMANCE.

[REDACTED] THE DELEGATION REPORTED ON THE IMPROVED HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION IN GUATEMALA. IN ADDITION, THE DELEGATION EXPLAINED WHAT PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE IN THE CASES OF MIRNA MACK AND SISTER DIANA ORTIZ.

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[REDACTED] THE DELEGATION EXPLAINED THAT THE PRESIDENT CONTROLS THE ARMY. AS EVIDENCE TO

SUPPORT THIS CONTENTION, THE DELEGATION POINTED TO THE EARLY DECEMBER 1991 REPLACEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, THE NOMINATION OF A CIVILIAN AS THE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE PARTICIPATION OF ARMY OFFICERS IN THE PEACE PROCESS.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THE CREATION OF FONAPAZ, [REDACTED] WOULD REINTEGRATE INTO THE ECONOMY THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD BEEN ISOLATED BY THE LONG-RUNNING GUATEMALAN ARMED CONFLICT. THE DELEGATION SAID THAT SOME MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND (IMF) DIRECTORATE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT A CONTINGENT CREDIT AGREEMENT WHEN THERE IS NO EXISTING BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEM.

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[REDACTED] AT THIS TIME OF ECONOMIC RECESSION AND BUDGET DIFFICULTIES, THE U.S. CONGRESS MAY NOT PROVIDE FUNDING FOR AND HAS NOT YET APPROVED FORGIVING DEBT OR APPROVING REQUESTS FOR 1992 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE. -

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